

## DECLARATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;  
that

We verily believe we are the original inventors of the invention entitled "Ligation Clip  
Applier" described and claimed in the attached specification; that

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims,  
in the above-referenced application;

We do not know that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America  
before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country  
before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was  
not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this  
application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's  
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months prior to this application, that we acknowledge our duties pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56  
to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this  
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None.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and  
that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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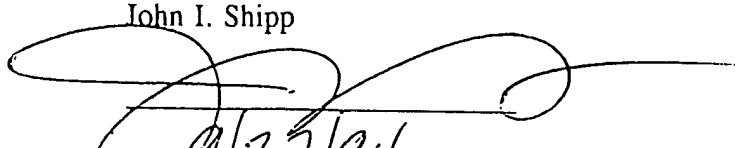
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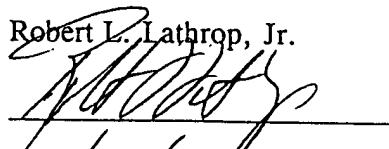
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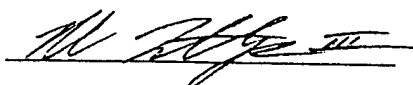
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